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1. PUBLIC DEFENDER TYPE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE IN IRAN.
EACH COURT HAS LIST OF LAWYERS GIVEN BY THE IRANIAN
BAR ASSOCIATION. WHEN AN INDIGENT OFFENDER NEEDS A
LAWYER COURT APPOINTS LAWYER FROM LIST. ATTORNEY IS
CALLED AND ASKED TO APPEAR. MOST LAWYERS EVIDENTLY
DO APPEAR AS SCHEDULED EVEN IF WELL KNOWN. BECAUSE
ALL MEMBERS OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION ARE ON LIST, QUALITY
OF LEGAL COUNSEL CANNOT BE ASSURED. KNOWLEDGE OF
ENGLISH MAY ALSO BE INADEQUATE FOR AMERICAN DEFENDENTS.

2. MANY QUALIFIED LAWYERS PRACTICE IN TEHRAN. FYI
ENGLISH SPEAKING AND AMERICAN TRAINED LAWYERS HAVE
OFTEN BEEN HELPFUL IN SERIOUS CASES SUCH AS SOTELO CASE
WHERE ASSISTANCE WAS NEEDED AND FEES NOT AVAILABLE.
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